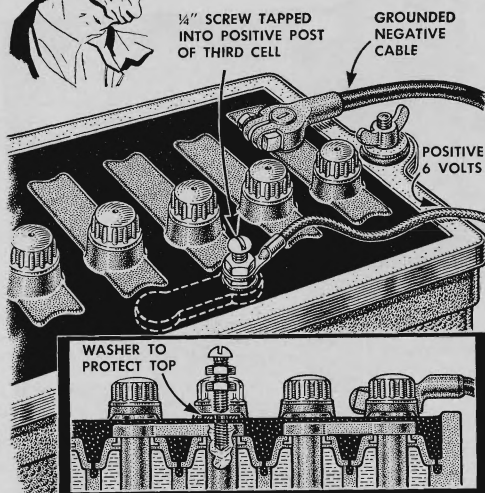




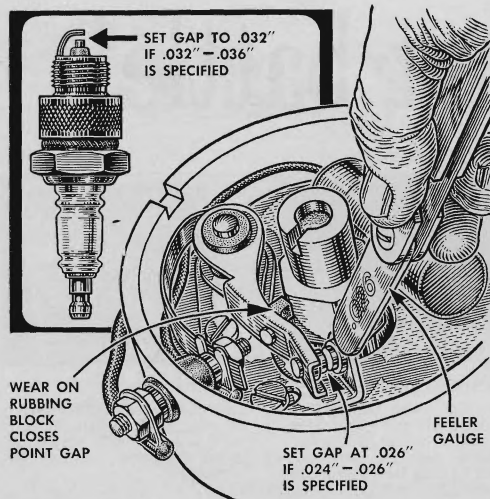
# Hints from the Model Garage



Tapping a 12-volt battery is cheaper than buying a resistor when six-volt current is needed for electric brakes on trailers. Drill a hole in the positive post of the third cell and install a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " screw to act as a terminal for the six-volt cable lead.



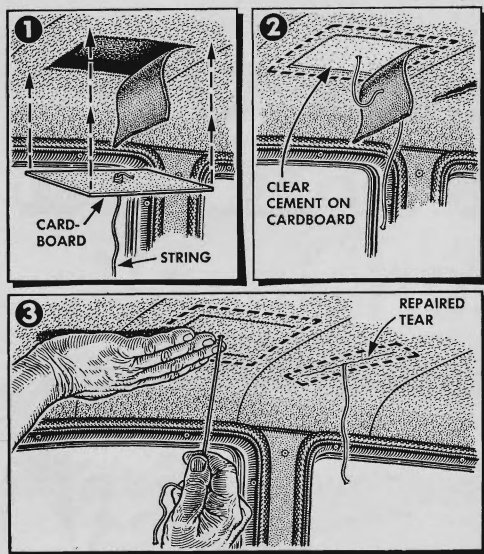
Touch up paint chips and scratches with a nail-polish brush. It's just the right size and its handle is conveniently shaped for detail work. First clean the brush with polish remover. Promptly taking care of chips prevents rusting and blistering.



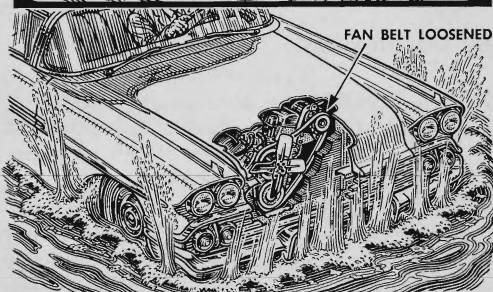
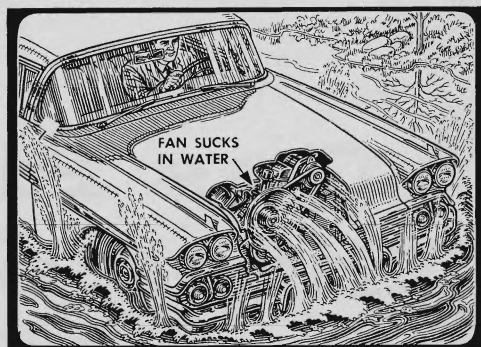
Adjust spark plugs to the smallest gap recommended. They'll stay properly adjusted longer since their gaps increase with service. Distributor points, however, should be set at the high end of recommended range since their gaps decrease with wear.



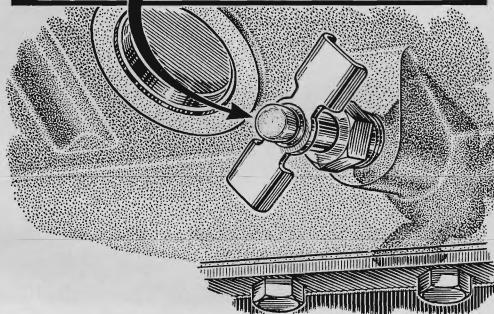
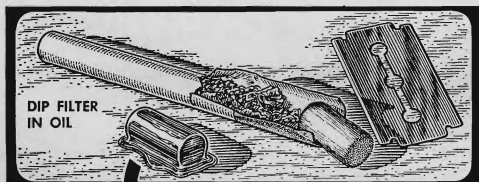
An old blanket can keep you clean when you unload your car trunk. It protects clothing from grime on the bumper. Fasten the blanket to the trunk floor, and sew a wooden slat into the edge to prevent flapping. The blanket rolls up when not in use.



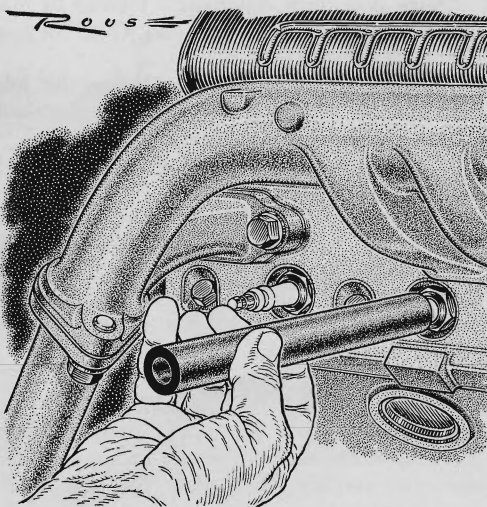
To fix headliner rips, knot a cord through stiff cardboard larger than the damaged area (1). Slip cardboard through tear and run cord through torn flap (2). Apply cement, pull cord, press cloth against cardboard (3). When patch is dry, snip cord.



Engines often wet out when driven through a flooded roadway. The radiator fan usually is the culprit; it sucks up the water and throws it back onto ignition wiring. Next time, loosen the fan belt so the fan doesn't turn. Reconnect it on dry ground.



Dirt won't clog petcocks on radiator and engine block if you insert cigarette filters that have been soaked in oil. Leave  $\frac{1}{4}$ " protruding. The filters also prevent messy dripping and keep hands dry while you're opening the petcocks to drain the water.



You can remove hot spark plugs without burning your hands by means of a piece of garden hose. Loosen the plugs with a wrench, slip on an 8" section of hose, and unscrew them. If plugs are small, slip hose over base and bear down while turning.